100,000 Thais join protest, demand polls

No story really worth dying for, journalists told

By Cynthia D. Balana

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Outboxed, outclassed



BODY SHOT Filipino boxing superstar Manny Pacquiao throws a right to the body of Joshua Clottey of Ghana, whose arms constantly shielded his face during their World Boxing Organization welterweight title fight at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, Texas. Pacquiao defeated Clottey by unanimous decision to retain the title. (More stories in Sports Section)

After Clottey, Pacquiao fans want Mayweather next

By Roy Luarca

ARLINGTON, TEXAS—BEFORE ONE OF THE LARGEST indoor crowds in modern US ring history, Manny Pacquiao yesterday dominated a strangely gun-shy Joshua Clottey, outpunching him from bell to bell, to retain his World Boxing Organization (WBO) welterweight title.

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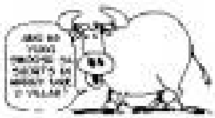
VIDEO BUS
Residents of Barangay Socorro in Quezon City enjoy the Pacquiao-Clottey fight on a video screen mounted on a bus.

Everybody waited for a knockout finish

By DJ Yap and Mike Mercado

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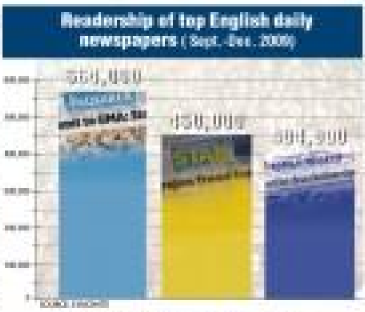


Presidential bets star in fight ads

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PDI still No.1 English newspaper, says poll

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Comelec acts on list of double registrants

By Leila B. Salaverria

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'Connected' Abu leader rises–report

AN ISLAMIC EXTREMIST—MORE MONEYED and ideologically inclined—has become the leader of a key faction of the Abu Sayyaf, an al-Qaida-linked extremist group in Mindanao.



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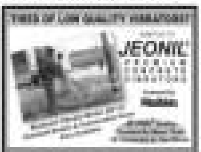

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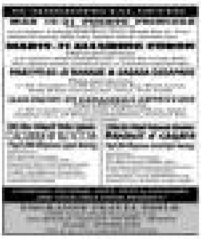














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Skeptical about fair polls

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GSIS waiting for survivor's claim application

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Across the NATION

GenSan journalist bludgeoned to death

GENERAL SANTOS CITY—A COLUMNIST OF A local newspaper was found dead inside the compound of a radio station here on Saturday night.

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Local execs to close Pulag, Apo to trekkers

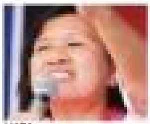


DOE, climate change body say dry spell to help Earth Hour

Ocampo, Maza adjusting to traditional campaigning



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MAZA

Party-list group offers condoms



Pacquiao foe outboxed, outclassed

Body shots throughout

1,231 punches

Clottey's only mission

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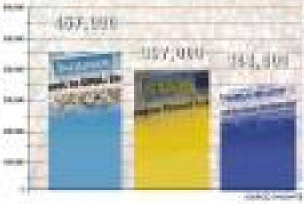
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Comelec acts on list of double registrants

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municipality or city which were disseminated to election officers.

The Comelec ordered the removal of the other registration records of voters with double or multiple registration, and directed the Board of Election Inspectors not to allow them to vote.

The poll body also ordered the deletion of the registration records of the voters in the next hearings of the Election Registration Board.

In October last year, the Comelec said that in cases where voters were found to have registered in two or more districts, the latest registration should prevail and this was the only place where they would be allowed to vote.

In cases where there were double or multiple registrations in the same district, the original registration would prevail.

Comelec officials also earlier said that the double registration could simply be a result of the inadvertent failure to cancel previous records of voters who had changed residences and did not mean a subversion of the balloting.

PPCRV statement

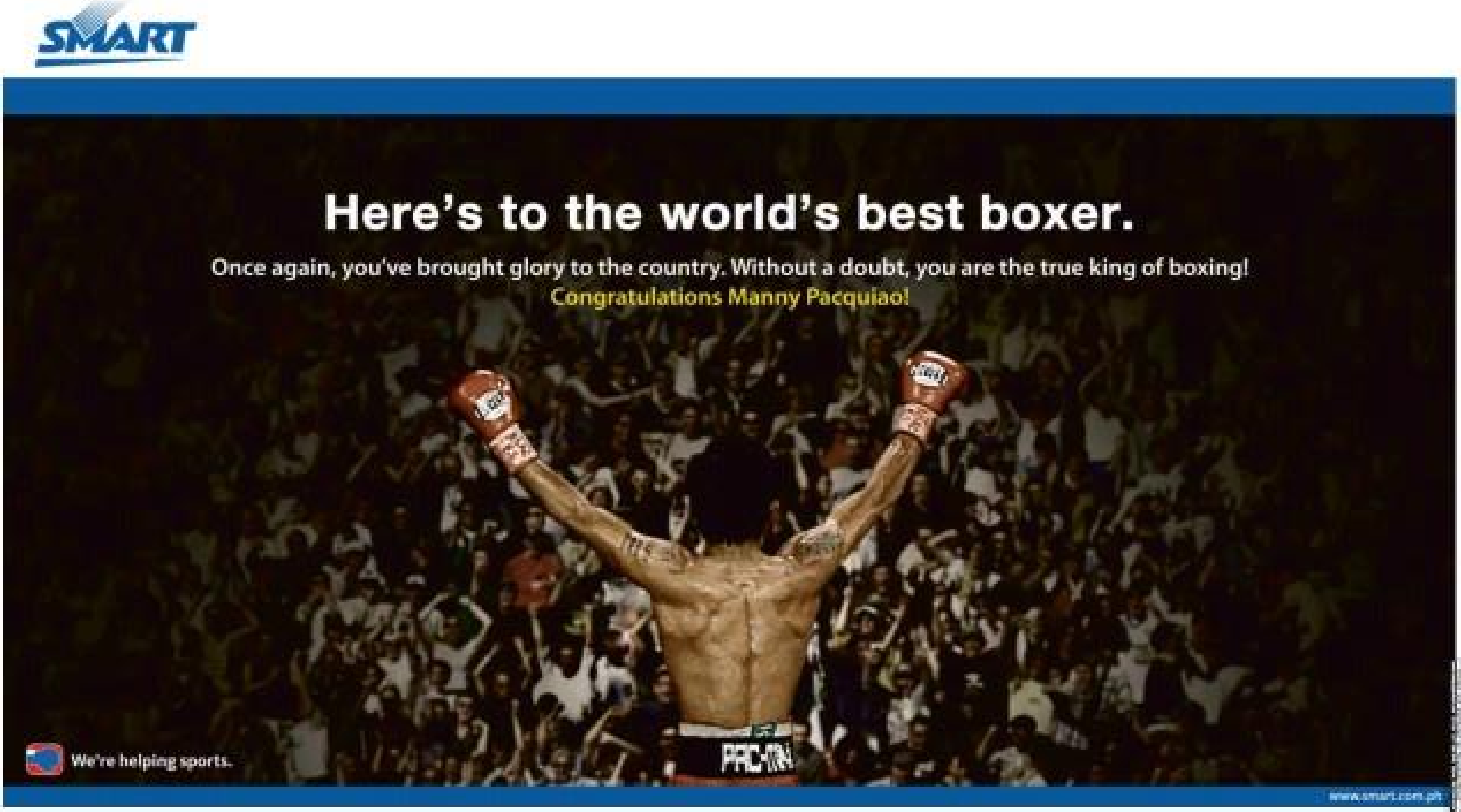
Lawyer Howard Calleja of the Parish Pastoral Council for Responsible Voting (PPCRV) welcomed the Comelec's decision.

The Comelec's citizen arm had earlier called attention to its discovery of about 48,000 voters enrolled as "double, multiple or dead registrants" in Davao City and Davao del Sur.

Calleja said the PPCRV would continue checking the voters' lists in other provinces. "We want to see if the figure is correct. It might be short or whatever," he said.

Calleja earlier said that if 80 other provinces would have 40,000 questionable voters as in the Davao region, that could translate to about 3 million questionable voters nationwide.

He said that the 700,000 double and multiple registrants found by the Comelec was a significant number of voters that could spell the difference between victory and defeat for candidates.


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DID YOU KNOW

FILIPINO women won the right to vote during elections only on Sept. 17, 1937, when then President Manuel L. Quezon signed a law on women's suffrage. Women's groups had lobbied for years to get this law passed. *Cyril L. Bonabente, Inquirer Research*



Chemical firm shuts down Pasig plant



GETTING READY TO COOL DOWN
Eager to escape from the sun's searing rays, a child prepares to swim in the fountain at Liwasang Bonifacio, Manila.

By Doris C. Dumlao

CHEMICAL MANUFACTURER Cosve Inc. has shut down its manufacturing plant in Pasig City after a fire hit the facility on Thursday, leaving two workers injured.

At the same time, the City Environment and Natural Resources Office (Cenro) of Pasig City ordered Cosve—a subsidiary of publicly listed Chemical Industries of the Philippines Inc. (Chemphil)—to cease and desist from operating the plant and to stop the demolition activities in the area.

Citing the results of its own investigation, Chemphil said in a report to the Philippine Stock Exchange on Friday that the fire happened at 9:20 a.m. on Thursday in the storage room of Cosve's logistics department. It was followed by an explosion which razed the storage room.

The report added that stocks of LPG (liquefied petroleum gas), acetylene tanks and sunflower oil stored in drums were burned and damaged in addition to finished products and some filter aid materials. But with the help of firefighters, the fire was put out in less than 12 minutes, Chemphil said.

"In the meantime, we would like to inform the public that Cosve has closed down all operations in the affected area," read the Cosve statement signed by its president, Ana Maria Ordoveza, dated March 12.

"The incident is isolated and is not due to the plant's normal operations," she added.

Cosve also apologized for the accident and any inconvenience it may have created. "However, the management of Cosve is also grateful that the injuries ... were limited to a small laceration and burns to two people working in the area and with no significant damage to property," it said.

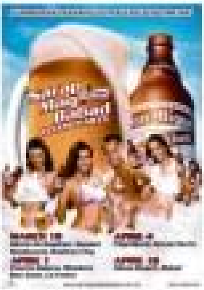
The company said it had made sure that the injured were immediately treated.

"The management of Cosve would like to assure the public that the plant in Pasig continues to be safe and operates in compliance with environmental and safety requirements," Ordoveza said.

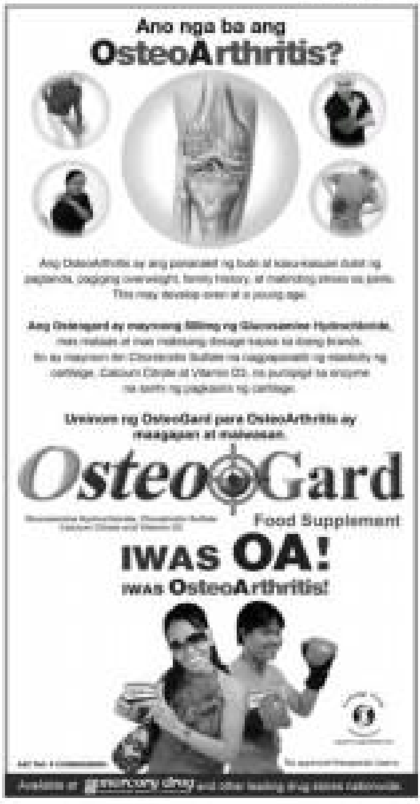
The Cenro, for its part, has ordered Cosve to submit the following:

- a toxic and hazardous waste management plan;
- a chemical accident prevention plan;
- a transport permit and disposal permit from the Environmental Management Bureau and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources; and
- penalties under the existing ordinance and fines for fire.

Cosve is the country's pioneer and only manufacturer of technical grade sodium tri-polyphosphates and tetra-sodium pyrophosphates for the detergent industry.









Court issues arrest warrants for 8 LBC execs

By DJ Yap





FEATHERED VISITORS

Binay-Mercado word war heats up





Suspected swindler nabbed

By Julie M. Aurelio



AID FOR DISABLED

NCRPO: Metro nearly crime-free

By Mike Mendez

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THE HEAT IS ON

Children cool off by soaking their heads in basins of water on Bedan Street in Cubao, Quezon City.

METRO

Citizen's call

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Resident complains about ill-maintained road

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Squatters play games with motorists

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Vendors take over road

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Motorist thanks MMDA

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Parents complain against bar

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Janitor dies in road mishap

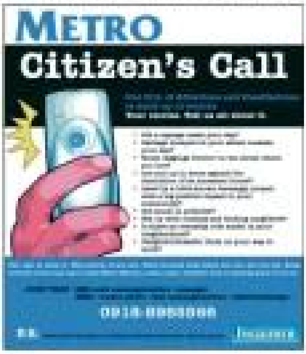
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NCRPO: Security plan in place for Holy Week



DEEP SLUMBER



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'Fire-starter' killed

Man stabbed dead



US mother: Jihadist-daughter 'lost her mind'



Iran arrests 30 accused of US-funded cyber war



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Sale of Burma state firms: Is junta cashing out?

Taliban mount coordinated attacks in Kandahar; 35 dead



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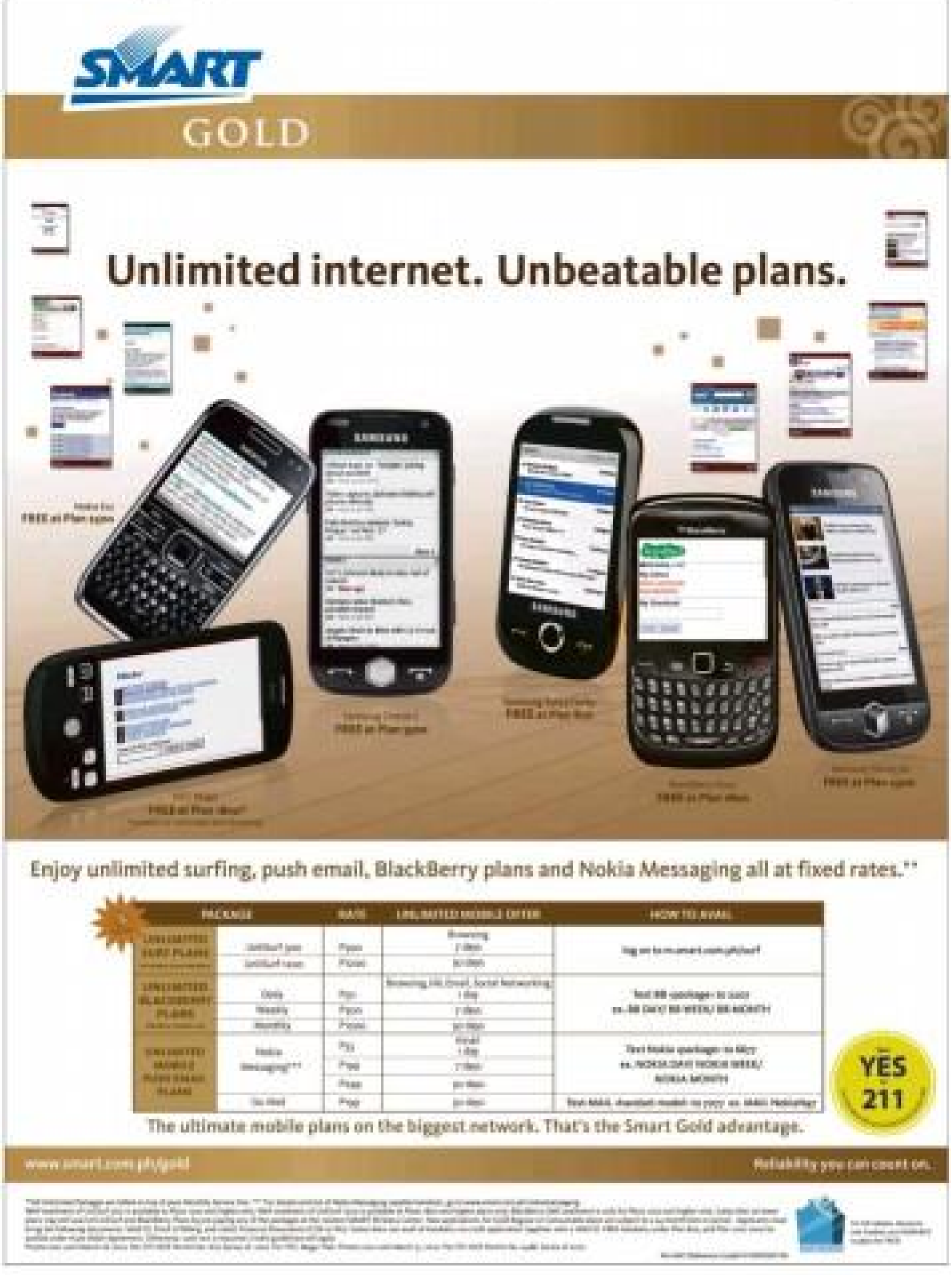
Russia buying arms abroad as its military industry withers

6.4-magnitude quake hits off Indonesia

The WORLD

Vatican sees campaign against the Pope

ROME—AS NEW DETAILS EMERGED ON ALLEgations of child sexual abuse by priests in the Munich archdiocese then led by the future Pope Benedict XVI, the Vatican spoke out on Saturday to protect the Pope against what it called an aggressive campaign against him in his native Germany.



SPORTS



Manny: Now Floyd must beat Mosley

Clottey: Speed decided fight's outcome

Pacquiao throws 1,231 punches





Pacman throws 1,231; Clottey 399

By Roy Luarca



Pacquiao sings again

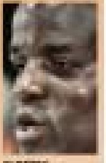
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CLOTTEY

Sonsona knocks out tough Colombian foe

Fareñas-Morales fight 'no decision'

By Roy Luarca

Fans from all over watch 'Event' live

ARLINGTON, TEXAS—AFTER WEEKS OF debate, April Estrano finally decided to join her sister and brother-in-law to watch fellow Filipino Manny Pacquiao fight in Cowboys Stadium. So the day before the bout, she told her bosses someone would have to cover her morning shift—in Chicago.

Lloyd Damian was so looking forward to this fight that he designed his own Pacquiao T-shirt. But it wasn't until Thursday that he decided to come—from Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Then there was the group of about 20 people wearing yellow, red and green, jumping up and down and singing one chant after another. They came from Baltimore, New York, Oklahoma and throughout Texas, and are all originally from Ghana, the homeland of Pacquiao's foe Joshua Clottey.

Notice the trend?

Promoters took this show on the road—away from Las Vegas and into an NFL stadium, with plenty of seats plus $25 standing-room-only tickets—and 50,994 people came from all over just to be part of the action Saturday night (Sunday in Manila).

Initially, 45,000 tickets were put on sale. The standing-room-only tickets were made available Friday.

Sure, not every seat was great. But with the world's largest high-definition television looming overhead, everyone felt close to the action.

"Everything is open, you can see it all right in front of you," said 15-year-old Tonny Alvarez, watching from one of the highest, farthest spots.

"We've been walking around, watching from different points, and it's better right here," said his father, Joey Alvarez, who spent all day driving from his job in Minnesota so he could bring his son to the bout.

Damian, a 27-year-old specialist in the Army who is back from two tours in Iraq, and his buddy Lee Beasley of Jersey City, NJ, both wore T-shirts that read, 'Just Doing My Job,' with a Pac-man character for the "o" and a large image of Pacquiao.

"I made the shirts just to watch at home," Damian said. "Then we figured we might as well go."

They decided on Thursday. They took care of the logistics Friday and were walking around Saturday night wide-eyed and smiling, taking pictures and videos of everything they saw on their way to section 332.



CLOSE to 51,000 fans watch as Manny Pacquiao conquers Joshua Clottey. AP

The back-and-forth between Pacquiao and Clottey fans was friendly and, quite notably, the red, white and blue flags of the Philippines waving alongside the Ghana flag. Most of the Ghana folks wore them and fans donning their flag, some wearing flags as capes.

When they stopped singing Clottey's name, they broke into all sorts of chants.

"Most of them are prayer songs: 'God is with us and we thank God,'" said Grace Baidoo, who organized the group. "When you go to soccer matches, this is what you hear." AP



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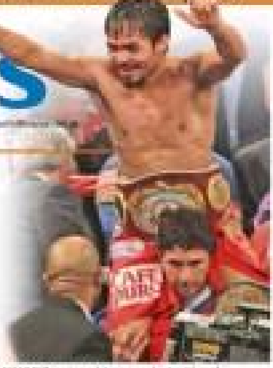
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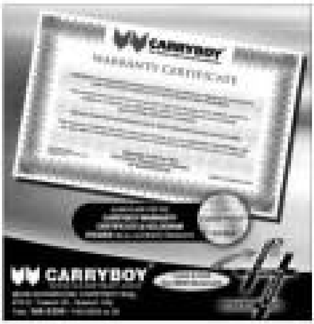
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Roach gives Pacman A+ for victory

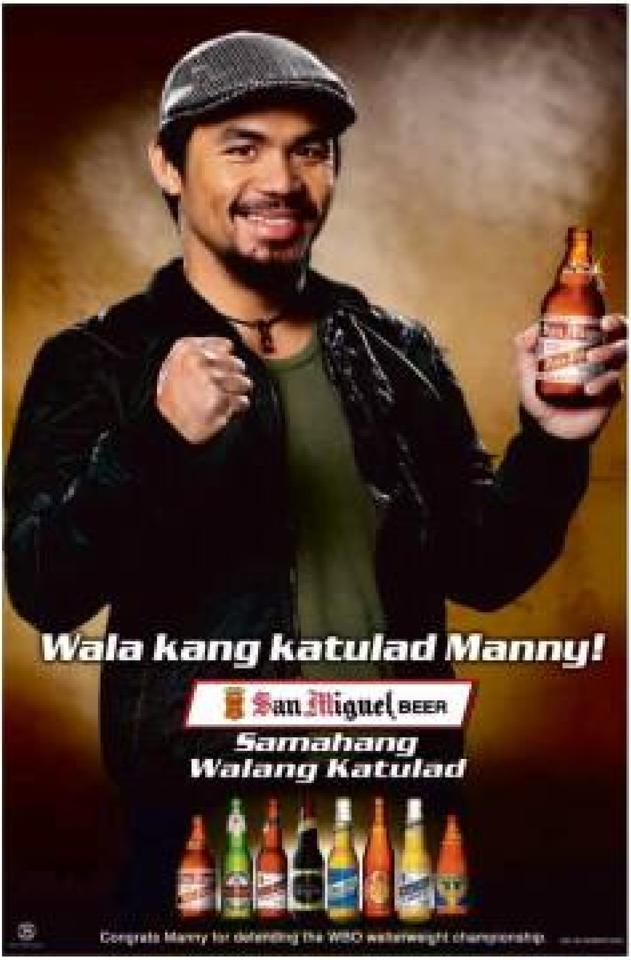














RP's rising net star vying in Kuching

By Marc Anthony Reyes

Boonchu defeats Miñoza anew

Club Champs golf fires off

58 qualifiers join Eagle Ridge fray



CLAVECILLA. Making history in NTCC

Like grinding granite

ONE GAME AT A TIME

Sev Sarmenta



Olango Challenge open-water swim marathon slated

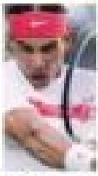
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Another hat for 'Magician'



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Pacquiao's win is OUR victory

He did it again!

Manny Pacquiao, the best pound for pound fighter in the planet, has further cemented his name in the annals of boxing history.

The Filipino boxing sensation whipped Joshua Clottey, a bruising welterweight from Ghana, in what was billed as an interim bout to a bigger fight with either Floyd Mayweather Jr., or Shane Mosely later this year.

The fight was held in front of a sellout crowd at the biggest indoor arena in the world – the Cowboy's Stadium in Arlington, Texas – and witnessed by millions of fans worldwide via pay per view, including 80 plus million Filipinos who wildly rooted for their idol and the country's pride.

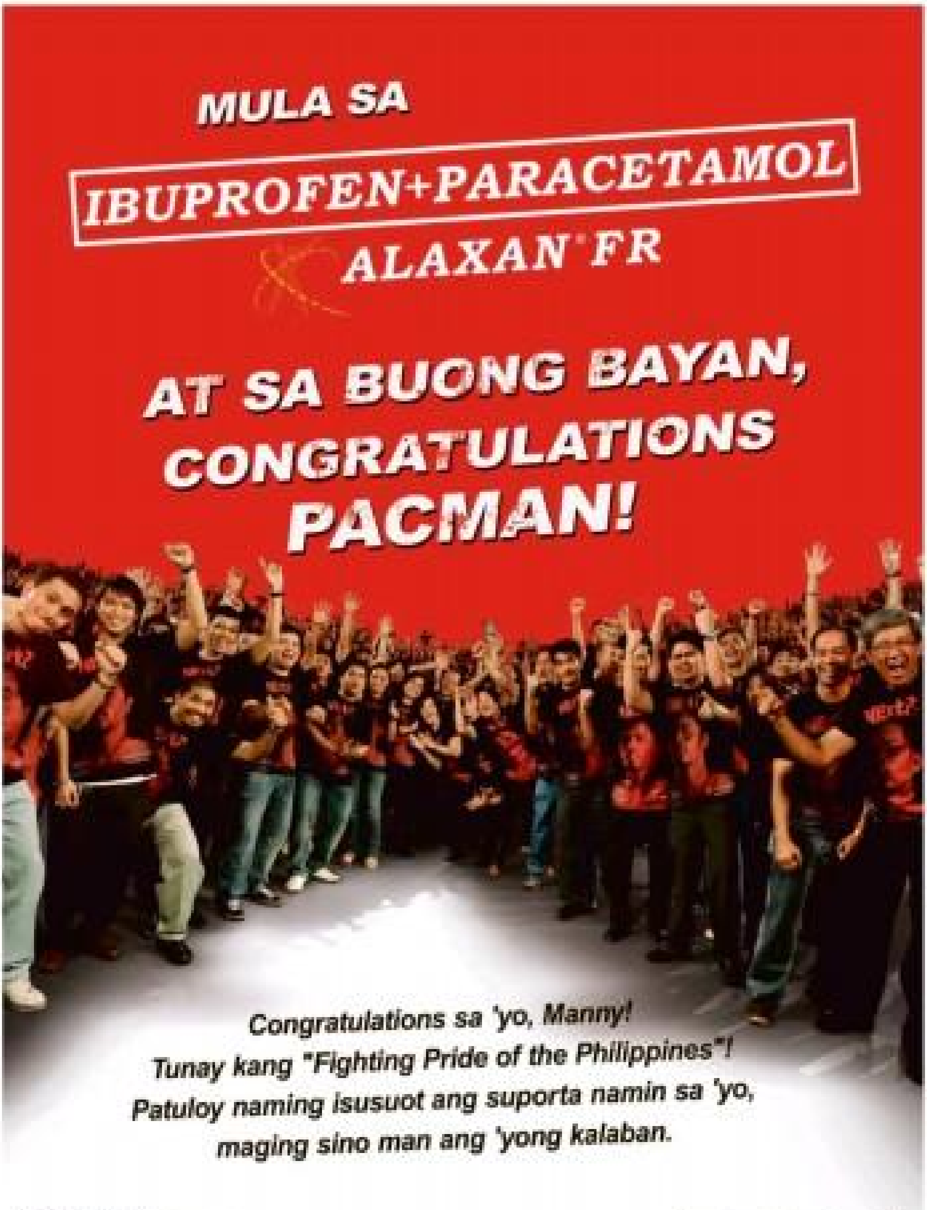
Just like all his previous encounters, last Sunday's fight was not just Pacquiao's fight but the whole nation's as well. Manny is the people's champ because Filipinos are his inspiration and we celebrate with him in his every win.

Pacquiao's victory is a testament to his legendary work ethic and his seeming disregard for pain. Trainer Freddie Roach, who has been in the boxing superstar's corner for over 8 years now, and who has played a big part in Manny's success, says that what he likes best about the Pacman is "his tireless work ethic and his ability to shut out distractions once he starts training." This ability comes in handy in boxing because its brutal nature entails loads of preparation, conditioning, and concentration.

To the outsider, sports may seem as just a hobby – an activity one goes into to keep fit and bond with others. But for world-class professional athletes like Pacquiao, who has undergone the rigors of training associated with any sports discipline and who continues to push himself to the limit, sports can be a tough calling.

The Filipino boxing superstar is the first boxer in history to win seven world titles in seven different weight divisions. Manny is the former WBC World lightweight champion, WBC World super featherweight champion, IBF World super bantamweight champion, and WBC World flyweight champion. Furthermore, he is the former Ring Magazine featherweight and super featherweight champion.

And to celebrate his victory, Alaxan FR – Manny's partner in pain management – has issued limited edition Alaxan FR Manny Pacquiao shirts which Filipinos can wear as a sign of pride for their champion.

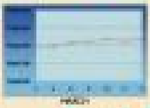


BUSINESS

North Harbor privatization hits a snag

INDICATORS

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STOCK MARKET

Dull trade seen



Labor groups reject settlement offer of gov't

THE PRIVATIZATION OF THE MANILA NORTH Harbor has taken a turn for the worse, with the government and labor groups now in a deadlock over the terms of the takeover by the consortium between businessmen Reghis Romero II and Manuel V. Pangilinan.

Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) General Manager Oscar Sevilla said labor groups at the port have rejected all of the government's settlement offers, which included security of tenure, honoring of their collective bargaining agreements and payment of benefits.

"I thought if we offered them money and continued employment, they would finally agree to let the consortium to take over," Sevilla said in a statement. "What more do they want?"

Manila North Harbour Port Inc. (MNHPI), the joint venture between Romero's Harbour Centre Port Terminal Inc. and Pangilinan's Metro Pacific Investments Corp. (MPIC), was supposed to take over North Harbor's operations last Jan. 15.

However, this has been delayed mainly because of issues with labor groups at the port.

Sevilla earlier said employees had asked to be compensated for their years of service working for their current employers, mostly third-party port operators offering various services to ships that dock there.

The third-party operators that will be replaced, Sevilla said, have refused to pay the benefits of their employees, passing on the responsibility to either the government or MNHPI.

The government and MNHPI then agreed to pay the benefits to the remaining so that the takeover can finally be done. But Sevilla said that despite all their previous demands already being met, the labor groups still refused to budge.

"I will give them until [this] week, but if these groups start to get unreasonable, I'll probably have to bring the police in so we can finally implement this takeover," Sevilla said.

MNHPI last year won the 25-year contract to operate and develop Manila North Harbor, the country's busiest but most inefficient port, which the PPA said was already on the brink of collapse.

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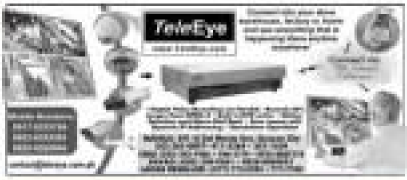
Playing hard to get

Pinching pennies



NTC to auction last 3G slot

By Paolo G. Montecillo



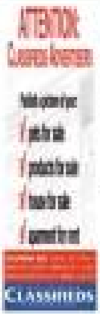




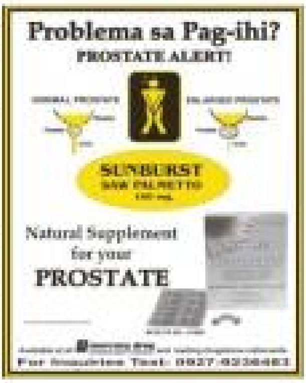
















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By Paolo G. Montecillo

GMA Network revenue surged by 44% as of Feb.

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In crowded PC market, Samsung stands out



SAMSUNG N150

By Raquel P. Gomez

KOREAN ELECTRONICS Giant Samsung finally entered the crowded netbook market when it introduced the N220 and N150, both of which run on the latest Intel Atom processor N450.

Noteworthy features that set the Samsung N220 netbook apart from the rest are long battery life, anti-reflective LED display, higher screen resolution, crystal pattern design and HyperSpace—a tool that allows a user to go directly to the Internet without booting up.

Samsung has been making notebooks for quite some time, but it markets its products abroad.

This is the first time Samsung has introduced its netbook line in the country, where laptop purchases is currently spiking.

According to Eric Yulo, Samsung Philippines head of information technology business, more Filipinos are buying laptops, and this trend won't likely stop.

It may further increase in the coming years, he added.

According to a Gartner study, sales of notebooks for the Philippines in 2009 was only projected at 560,000. But the actual number of laptops sold last year reached 844,000 units. Thirty percent of that number represents netbooks.

Gartner predicts that a million notebooks would be sold this year, Yulo said.

Samsung is now in a position to compete head-on with other netbook brands, Yulo said, emphasizing that many technologies found in the netbooks of other brands were actually made by Samsung.

He said Samsung engineered the hard disk drives, optical drives, memory, and LCD displays of many notebooks out there.

The N220, with a suggested retail price of P24,990, is positioned as a premium netbook—the device's top chassis changes color every now and then due to its crystal pattern design.

It also features the Phoenix HyperSpace tool, an "instant on" function that allows netbook to turn on and go online immediately, bypassing a Windows boot up.

Both the N220 and N2150 (SRP of P21,900) have scratch-resistant double coating. Both also feature the Smart Power Management, which allows netbooks to conserve battery without user intervention.

Samsung officials said the N220, with 6-cell battery, can provide users with up to 12 hours of computing power, while the N150 can deliver up to 8 hours of battery life.

Other smart features include the AnyPC remote access application, which enables a one-click connection to a home or office PC. The Samsung Recovery solution allows a user to easily format, back-up and recover data.

Apart from the Atom N450 processor, the N220 and the N150 have 1 GB memory module, 250 GB and 160 GB hard disk, webcam and 10.1 inch display size. They also offer the same hardware specs similar to other netbooks, such as Wi-Fi b/g/n, VGA port, LAN port, three USB ports, stereo speakers, Bluetooth 2.0, and card reader.

The N220 comes in red and green, while the N150 comes in black and white.

Plasma still strong in TV market



THE PLASMA TV FORMAT CONtinues to hold it over the high-definition TV market, despite strong market considerations now being enjoyed by the liquid crystal display (LCD) format.

Even if initial forecasts from various market research companies illustrate that the LCD format is expected to dominate, continued developments in terms of technology and an aggressive pricing strategy for the plasma TV format somehow helped slow down the advance of LCDs.

Also, market positioning for plasma TVs helped it corner upscale market customers, who look for deeper high-definition viewing experience, something LCDs still cannot deliver despite pronouncements of an upgrade in quality.

Companies that still manufacture plasma invested heavily in research and development, making plasma a very practical choice for those who prefer high-definition TV watching.

Most recent technological developments and other improvements on plasma TV came from giant brands like Panasonic, with their eco-friendly plasma display panels, the world's first lead-free and mercury-free panels that eliminate risks to the environment.

The Panasonic TH-P42S10 plasma TV, with full 1080p resolution features improvements in the panel and drive. Viewers may enjoy outstanding visuals through its 1080-line resolution, allowing for total viewing pleasure under full high definition (HD).

The 550Hz sub-field drive of the Panasonic TH-P42S10 comes in handy when watching movies and fast-action activities like sports.

Compared to the usual 50Hz video signal used today, the 550Hz sub-field drive improves picture clarity under a 1080p line resolution.

Investment is also protected because of a plasma TV's longevity.

The Panasonic TH-P42S10 can last up to 100,000 hours, or more than 30 years, when watched at an average of 8 hours a day before brightness decreases by half.

Macbook, iMac up for grabs with PLDT MyDSL Biz plan

MAJOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS FIRMS ARE now positioning themselves to corner the growing SME (small and medium enterprises) market in need of DSL services.

Philippine Long Distance and Telephone Co., for one, recently announced the bundling of high-end MacBook and iMac PCs to its MyDSL Biz plans.

PLDT officials said SMEs could use the high-performance Apple PCs as a means to maximize their MyDSL Biz connection.

"We'd like to give SMEs the option to maximize their bundled hardware. For the same price and same high speed connection, they can now take home an Apple Macbook or an Apple iMac, depending on the package they will avail," said PLDT/SME Nation Biz Lara Abelardo.

The PLDT myDSL Biz bundled hardware and Internet packages already include high-speed broadband Internet capable of reaching speeds up to 8 Mbps, an all-in-one LAN and WiFi router, Biz Box, up to four PCs, and a laptop, which now can be upgraded to Apple Macbook and iMac.

The Biz Box already acts as DSL modem and WiFi router and already features four Ethernet ports, two voice ports, and two USB ports. It offers both wired and wireless networking for PCs.

PLDT myDSL Biz packages that include the Macbook and iMac PCs are priced competitively with the Small Biz 3c package priced at only P14,500. The package comes with an Apple MacBook.

There is also the PowerPack package. The PowerPack A, priced at P20,000, averages 5 Mbps and comes with an Apple MacBook and PC desktop.

The PowerPack B, which costs P35,000, averages 7 Mbps and comes with an Apple iMac and PC desktop.

For P50,000, businesses may avail of the PowerPack C, which averages 8 Mbps and comes with an Apple MacBook Pro and PC desktop. *Raquel P. Gomez*



PLDT MyDSL offers Macbook and iMac packages.

InfoTech Roundup

RP's No. 1 mobile phone brand

NOKIA BAGGED THE PHILIPpines' No. 1 Mobile Phone Brand Award for 2009, which was given out by GfK Asia, a market research institute based in Germany.

The GfK Awards are presented to top selling brands based on GfK's retail audit data in each category and in every country in the Asia Pacific.

Nokia was given the award for being the largest selling mobile phone brand in the Philippines from January to December 2009.

"It is an honor to have been awarded as the country's No. 1 mobile phone brand by GfK for the past four years," says Benoit Baco, general manager, Nokia Philippines. "It puts pressure on our company to stay focused on our vision of connecting people in new and different ways—fusing advanced mobile technology with personalized services to enable people to stay close to what matters to them."

'Wirelessly' at Megamall

BROTHER INTERNATIONAL (Philippines) Corp. is holding an exhibit at the SM Megamall Building B Atrium up to March 17.

The exhibit, called "Wirelessly," features the best in wireless printers and multifunction centers, including the latest wireless LED printers.

It shows how a wireless printer or network allows one to remain mobile while doing printing work, saving the clutter on the worktable, reducing costs and saving space.

Buyers can also avail themselves of discounts of up to 40 percent on Brother wireless printers and MFCs.

This offer is exclusive to SM Megamall only.

Brother started carrying wireless printers since 2006 and has the most comprehensive lineup of wireless printers and MFCs.

Global launch of Samsung full HD 3D LED TV

Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd. celebrated on March 10 the worldwide launch of its first ever Full HD 3D LED TV with a special performance by The Black Eyed Peas on Times Square, New York City.

Actor-director James Cameron, who has been a crucial driver in furthering the development of 3D content, also participated in the celebration.

Samsung also announced that the footage from The Black Eyed Peas' hugely popular The E.N.D. World Tour will be exclusively available in 3D for Samsung customers.

Samsung Electronics 3D LED TV global launch celebration on Times Square was filmed in 3D by James Cameron and Vince Pace's production company Cameron Pace.

It was streamed live on Ustream.com, the popular lifestyle engine for music, arts and action.

Also, Samsung unveiled its 3D Cube, a mega screen display composed of 36 Samsung LED 7000 Series 3D LED TVs outside "The Samsung Experience" in New York City.

New 'Office' from Microsoft

NEED TO EDIT PHOTOS AND videos on Windows PowerPoint? Probably not, but Microsoft lets you do it anyway.

Photo and video editing on PowerPoint, which will allow users to deliver more "compelling" presentations, is just one of the many new and cool features the US software giant decided to throw into its 2010 edition of Microsoft Office.

Microsoft Philippines recently gave members of the local media a chance to experience the 2010 Office. Although older Office editions are far from limiting, the new release makes one wonder: "Why didn't they think of these things before?"

"Office 2010 is the premiere productivity solution for the 21st century individual and organization," Microsoft Philippines Information Worker product manager Franco Cruz said.

"From broadcasting and video editing in PowerPoint, to new data visualization capabilities in Excel and co-authoring in Word, we are delivering technology to help people work smarter and faster wherever they are," she said.

The new PowerPoint lets users embed and edit videos directly into a presentation. "Videos inserted from files will be embedded into PowerPoint by default, so you can share your dynamic presentations without having to manage separate media files."

Microsoft also improved Excel's capabilities, allowing users to think less about how to organize data and more about how to use the number to improve productivity.

Excel's new Sparkline feature allows users to visualize data economically and spot trends much more easily, Microsoft said.

The company also released a "light" version of Office that will allow Smartphone users to work on documents wherever they may be. *Paolo G. Montecillo*

Philippines reported to be least prone to virus attacks

By Paolo G. Montecillo

PHILIPPINE "CYBERSPACE" has been ranked one of the cleanest in the world.

In its seventh Security Intelligence report, California-based technology giant Microsoft said the number of computers in the Philippines reported infected by virus programs was one of the lowest by regional and global standards.

Malicious software, or "malware," steal sensitive information from home and office computers. The virus programs now come in newer forms and have become harder and harder to find, Microsoft said.

Computer viruses can enter computers through online games, social networking sites or even office documents, which are downloaded from the Internet.

The Philippines, however, remains relatively safe since most Filipinos stick to basic Internet applications such as streaming videos and sending e-mail.

Data from the report show that an average of 2.5 computers for every 1,000 devices are cleaned using malicious software removal tool (MSRT). This meant that only 2.5 computers out of a 1,000 were infected during the survey period of January to June of 2009.

This score was the fourth lowest in the world. Higher scores were seen in Malaysia (5.1), Indonesia (4.6) and Thailand (1.6).

Desktop scores lower than the Philippines were Finland (1.0), Austria (2.1) and Puerto Rico (2.1).

The report did not explain why Filipinos were not that prone to cyber attacks. But Microsoft regional manager for security and privacy Jacqueline Peterson-Jarvis said it could be because most "netizens" in the country used the web for simple applications like sending emails or chatting with friends.

Another reason might be because a lot of virus infections went never reported, and hence, never recorded by Microsoft.

Despite the country's good standing, Jarvis warned against complacency.

She said while there was a 28 percent decline in the number of infections reported in the first half of 2009 over the previous six-month period, nearly half of these were high-severity viruses, or the types that stole and corrupt data, causing entire systems to crash.

She also noted that nearly all virus infections could have been avoided had users downloaded the latest security updates available at the time.

"Unfortunately, a large number of consumers did not do this," she said.

Makers of malicious software have also become more creative, Jarvis said, noting that viruses can now come in the form of word or excel files, which are widely considered safe to download.

"These are the types of files that we use to create and share data with. That is what makes these mistakes so being exploited," she added.

Another way viruses may get in—and something Filipinos must watch out for—is through social networking sites and online games, both of which have been gaining ground in the Philippines, she said.

DBS sees 4.5% growth in RP economy

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BATANGAS II ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

INVITATION TO BID

SGS gets survey accreditation





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So you want in on the BPO action?

Take the BPO aptitude test

By Abigail L. Ho

CHILDREN WHO GREW UP in the 1980s or earlier might remember with fondness or with dread the National College Entrance Examination—a requirement for entering college then.

The 1990s brought about the evolution of this test into the National Secondary Achievement Test, which was no longer a prerequisite to entering college, but served as a gauge for a graduating high school student's aptitude for tertiary education.

Fast forward to the new century and apply the aptitude test model to the fastest growing industry in the country—business process outsourcing. Now students and career shifters aspiring to enter the lucrative BPO sector can find out if they are cut out for a job in the industry even before they start the application process with any BPO player.

The Business Processing Association of the Philippines is finally ready to roll out the country's first ever aptitude test for would-be BPO industry employees.

Dubbed the BPAP National Competency Test (BNCT), BPAP executive director for talent development James Garcia says the test is expected to boost potential BPO practitioners' chances of getting hired.

It is also seen to provide a quicker turnaround time for BPO companies seeking to expand their workforce, as the BNCT can serve as the companies' first level of screening for potential employees, she relates.

She further explains that the test can also

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LIGHT TO THE PEOPLE. (From left) Spirit of Edsa Foundation chair Christopher Carrion, executive secretary Eduardo Ermita, former President Fidel Ramos and Philips Electronics and Lighting Philippines CEO Rico Gonzales

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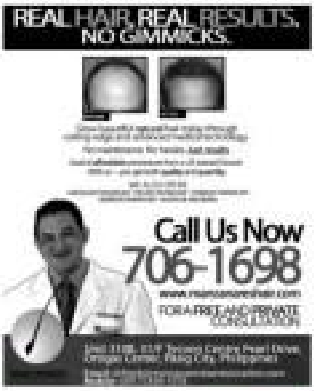


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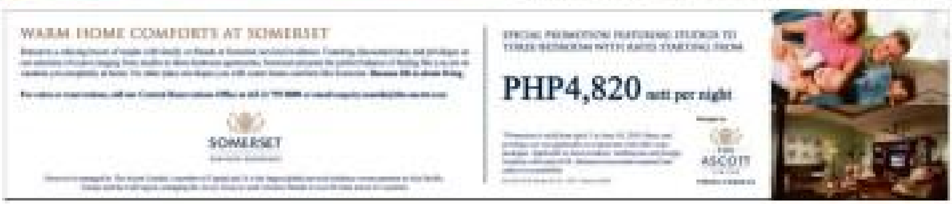


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Artists now asserting their property rights



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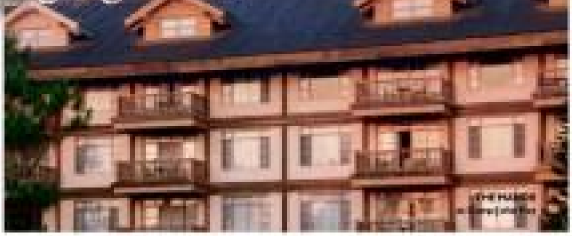


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Of lonely lighthouses and gregarious Ilonggos

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Something old, something new



Summer dance workshop with the pros

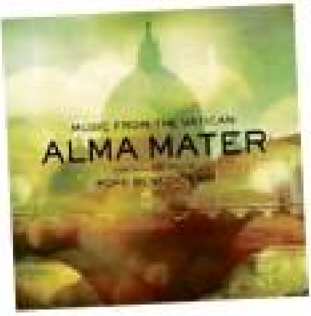
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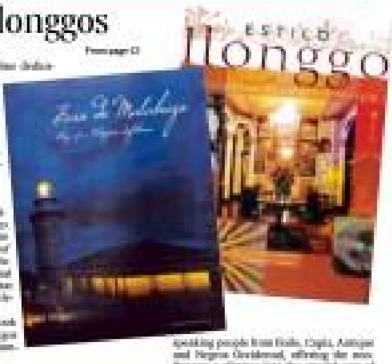
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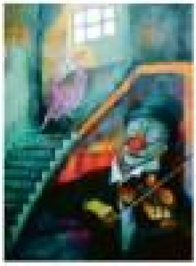
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Manila to host Asean cultural festival

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RANDALF Dilla's "Love and War"; (left) Ronald Caringal's "Love Is in the Air, or The Source of It"

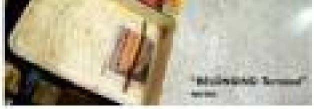
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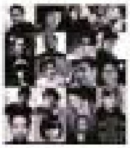
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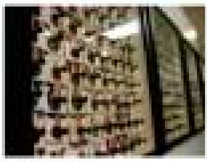


'Sensorium' at SM Malls

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UST holds 2nd National Criticism Workshop



"FUTURE Tense"



"TARGET"

Technology museum gets underway

MALAMPAYA CONSORTIUM PARTNERS with the Mind Museum at Taguig are to build one of the main nodes of the museum's Technology Gallery, "How Things Work."

The Malampaya Deep Water Gas-to-Power project is one of the largest and most significant industrial projects in Philippine history. A joint undertaking of the Philippine government and the private sector, the project is spearheaded by the Department of Energy, developed and operated by Shell Philippines Exploration B.V. on behalf of joint venture partners Chevron Malampaya LLC and the PNOC Exploration Corporation.

The overall theme of the Technology Gallery will be human ingenuity.

It will show the many tools that human beings have developed throughout our history. "How Things Work" will feature the monumental discoveries and inventions that have changed the rhythm of man's lives, making them do more things at a faster pace.

Aside from the Malampaya natural gas project, other exhibits will be the many uses of glass in people's lives, the seed drill, the Spinning Jenny, a laser exhibit, some robots, machines used for building public infrastructure, technologies for mineral extraction, farming, and water treatment, and manufacturing in processing vast amounts of resources to sustain the lives of billions of people.

The Mind Museum at Taguig is a P1-billion project scheduled to open in 2011 at the JY Campos Park, a super-prime, rectangle-shaped 12,000 sq m lot at the heart of the Bonifacio Global City.

For more information, visit www.themindmuseum.org.



Aquilizan art . . .

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including the maker itself, would relegate us to mere ID numbers, is a sad thing in itself.

Official images

The last point is stressed by "Specimen," a huge canvas filled with ID pictures of unknown people, across age and gender, black-and-white and colored, against red-white-blue backgrounds. Smiling or frowning, looking straight into the camera, the identification is clear: This is first a requirement, a phase that needs to be taken, always toward the motion of a future. Getting into school, finding a job, moving away—all these require of us "official images" that render us as "real" people.

"Future Tense" questions this realness. A series of frames filled with ID pictures placed upside down, there is no identification possible here as each picture is tacked onto the frame with a black pushpin right smack on each face. Here, it seems as if we are all irrelevant, that identifying us is an end in itself, that the moment of identification renders us as mere specimens to be disposed of after being tested.

But the works of the Aquilizans cut across personal and familial identities to those of whole communities. The usual worldwide installations are a paean to things we use without thinking, a reminder of the fact that this kind of consumption goes nowhere. These are necessary accumulations, not at all about memory or remembering, but about identifying us as communities.

Among these installations, (including "Red and Blue" and "White Collection"), it is only in "Presences and Absences" that we are reminded of how these are about people, though they themselves might not know it.

One major work on community identity is "Wings." Made up of the uniform rubber slippers worn by inmates of the Singapore Correctional Facility, the Aquilizans create three larger-than-life angel wings. This speaks of an institutionalized community identity, measured by what is worn versus faces or numbers. This entrapment is rendered by the Aquilizans with the possibility of flight, the possibility of freedom.

Freedom with identity

"Painting Landscape IV" and "100 Paintings" deal with frame upon frame of standard images of nature and Filipino-ness.

The former is made up of a stock image of the Mayon Volcano landscape, filled with various-sized frames which allow for new images, highlighting the margins of things: the tip of the volcano versus the rest of it, the foot of a farmer versus his whole body, tree trunks versus the tree itself.

"100 Paintings" is made up of standard(ized) paintings of nature, rendered in various frames installed on one huge wall. It is overwhelming as it is seemingly normal. These are images we can identify with, ones we don't think twice about.

And then there is "Target," a set of small paintings installed one after the other on wood, each with a target right in the middle. It is disconcerting in its reconfiguration of the stock image, even more so in its use of a target, as if it were meant to be shot, ready to be killed or wounded.

It is in this sense, that this work's assertion is all-encompassing, responding to the notions of identity that we are made to imagine we create for ourselves through materialism and consumerism, and what's institutions create of us, as we stay or move away, decide to keep or let go.

As the Aquilizans show, there are many things that inform the creation of identity, and we will continue to find ourselves in the things we do and hold and speak and see. In the end, institutions render us all possible to destroy, if not render us as mere numbers. We seem to be nothing, really, but willing targets. And that is the violence, and sadness, of identity.



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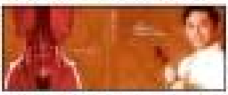
By Pablo A. Tariman
Contributor

MANY THINGS ARE musically intriguing about French pianist Dana Ciocarlie, who will make her Philippine debut in Cebu City's Fernan Hall on March 16 and at the Philamlife Theater in Manila on March 19.

Book documents glorious musical career of Gilopez Kabayao

By Antonio C. Hila
Contributor

GILOPEZ KABAYAO, Philippines' Violin Virtuoso and Musical Crusader," a coffee-table book on the glorious musical career of Gilopez Kabayao, was recently launched at the CCP Lobby.









Mindanao production transposes poetry to theater

'SugaTula' was the exercise that allowed words to jump off the page onto the stage



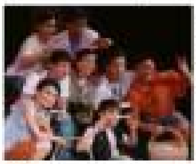
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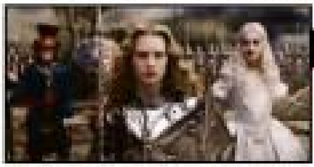


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JOHNNY Depp, Mia Wasikowska and Anne Hathaway

FROM BOOK TO FILM

'Alice in Wonderland' a visual feast

By [illegible]
Contributor

THERE ARE ALWAYS HIGH expectations from a film involving Tim Burton and Johnny Depp, considering the many classic films they have made together.

While their latest collaboration, "Alice in Wonderland," retains the theme and flair seen in their previous films and in the original 1951 Disney animation, it isn't as enchanting as "Charlie & the Chocolate Factory."

Thankfully, however, the amazing setting of bizarre characters more than make up for the relatively [illegible] shortcoming.

In the latest "Alice"—which is both an extension and adaptation of Lewis Carroll's classics "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" and "Through the Looking Glass"—Alice (Mia Wasikowska), now 19 years old, returns to the fantasy world she visited during her childhood and reunites with her old friends—the Caterpillar (Alan Rickman), Cheshire Cat (Stephen Fry), Tweedledum

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GARFIELD — By Jim Davis





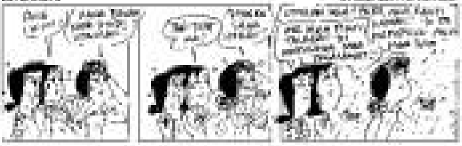
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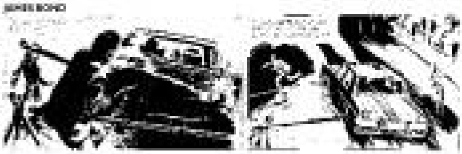
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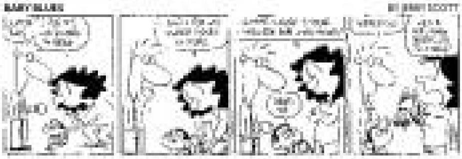
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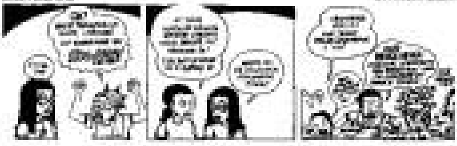


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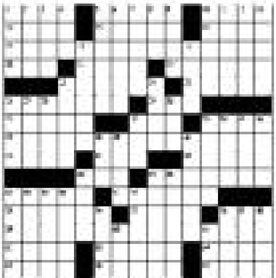
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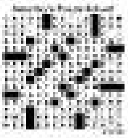
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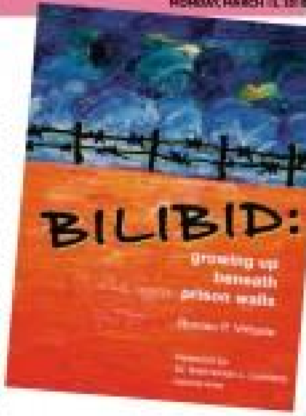

ANNE Hathaway as the White Queen

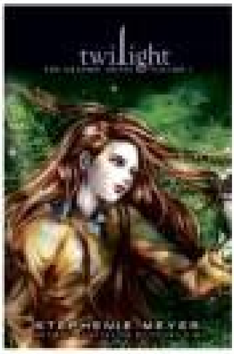

MIA Wasikowska as Alice

'Alice in Wonderland' . . .


TIM Burton and Wasikowska

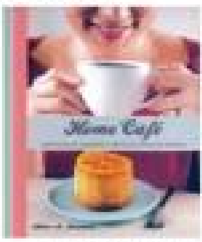
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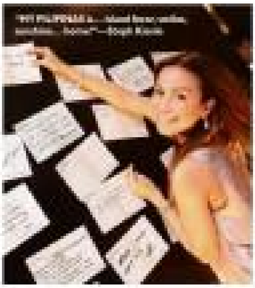
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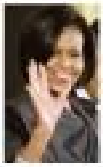
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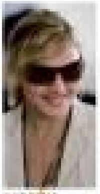
Rob just can't stop brooding

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Ominous start

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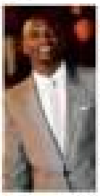


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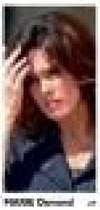
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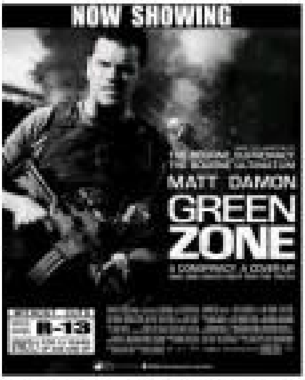
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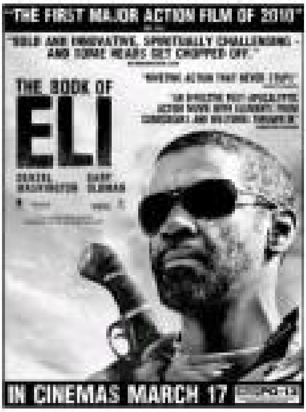
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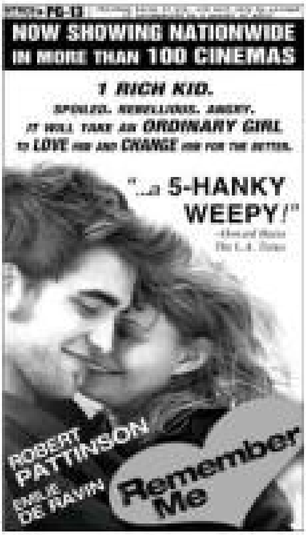


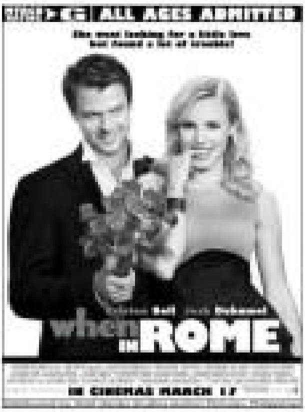






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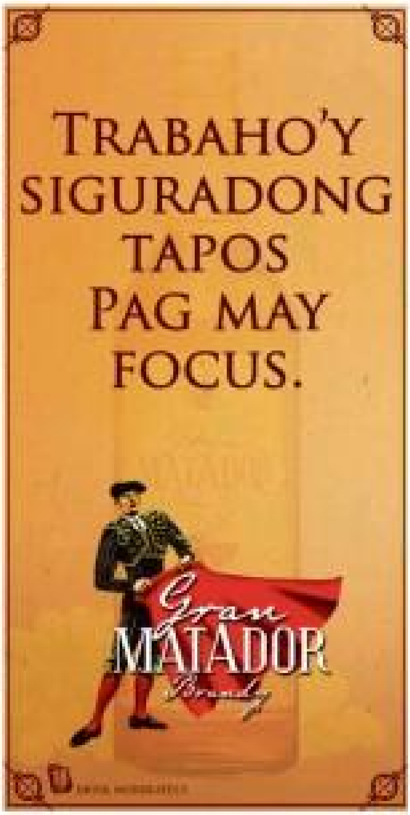
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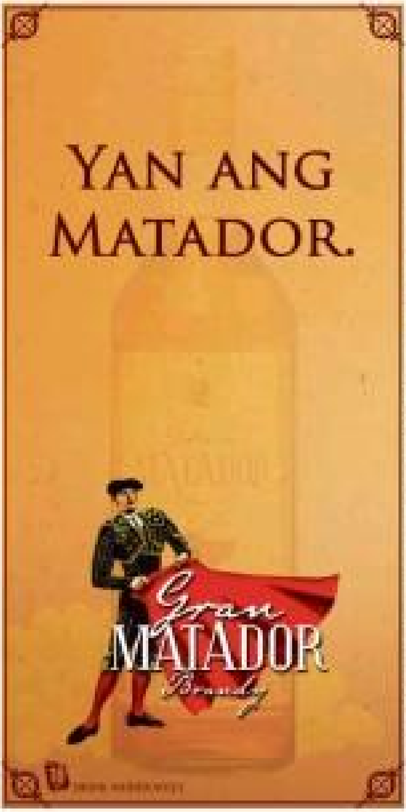
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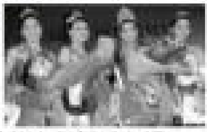
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THE SOUTHEAST Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (Searca) has announced the availability of 49 scholarships for MS students and three scholarships for PhD students for 2010-11. Deadline is March 31. E-mail The Graduate Scholarship Department, Searca [illegible]

THE NATIONAL Chung Hsing University (NCHU) at Taichung, Taiwan, is offering scholarships for its International Master's Program of Agriculture (Impa) for 2010-11. Deadline is March 31. Visit http://www.impa.nchu.edu.tw.

To cook is to interpret nature's generosity

By Vicky Veloso-Barrera
Contributor

MANILA'S TOP CHEFS AND food writers braved the recent People Power anniversary traffic to be at Enderun College's sunny atrium. The reason? A forum on "Before Cuisine, there Was Nature."

Four of the food industry's top players gave short talks before guest celebrity French chef Alain Ducasse took the floor.

The topic of Bel Castro, a Cordon Bleu graduate and a food and beverage lecturer at the school, was the sinigang.

After presenting different types of sinigang, which had evolved from the traditional meat sinigang to versions that use salmon head, corned beef and even lechon, she pointed out that much of the sinigang cooked today used as souring agent instant packets rather than fresh tamarind, kamias or guava.

Her presentation of "authentic" sinigang recipes culled from Google, which she described as the biggest resource on the planet for Philippine recipes, had the audience in stitches, as each and every one listed instant seasoning mix.



Sinigang SOS

"Who [will save] the sinigang?" she asked the crowd.

A Filipino-American, for instance, who presumably had no access to authentic Philippine ingredients, used [illegible] ... asked. "Is it sinigang?"

"It's Ducasigang," replied Enderun's Dr. Lanza Mancera, combining Ducasse and sinigang to form the word.



ALAIN Ducasse (above left) is joined on stage (above right) by Enderun's Lanza Mancera and Bel Castro, chef J Gamboa, and restaurateur-writer Amy Besa.

Reto Klauser, general manager of Shangri-La Hotel Makati and country manager of Shangri-La hotels in the Philippines, barely mentioned food in his talk. He spoke more from a managerial point of view as he discussed change.

Klauser said change came from having a vision, an ability to see the future.

He mentioned four ingredients for making change: (1) there must be attractiveness in the vision for the future; (2) there must be a level of discomfort with the way things were at the moment; (3) there must be proof of previous success with such change; and (4) there was support from the peer group.

Professionalize

Chef and restaurateur J Gamboa of Cirkulo fame, spoke of the need to improve Filipino food and professionalize the cooking.

Gamboa said, in the past, being a cook was not considered a particularly lofty or noble profession. Today many chefs had become superstars.

Gamboa pointed out that today's chefs were educated and literate, taking up the profession by choice. But he noted that chefs were more accustomed to Western food because of their training.

Gamboa offered suggestions on how culinary schools could improve and professionalize the preparation of Filipino food.

- Culinary schools in the Philippines should teach regional Filipino cuisine. To counter the perception that Filipino food is "brown, stringy and oily," chefs should be taught proper cooking techniques.
- Schools must develop and train Filipino chef instructors.
- Regional and national competitions in Filipino cuisine should be encouraged.
- Hotels and restaurants must be encouraged to employ Filipino executive chefs in the same way that big hotels in other parts of Asia often had Western and Chinese executive chefs.
- There should be continuing education for culinary institutions.
- Those in the food industry should get involved and create a win-win situation for themselves.

Amy Besa who, together with husband Romy, put up the award-winning Cendrillon in New York, recounted that when she talked on Filipino food in the United States, her US-born audience would be so moved, some even cried.

Besa, who also put up Purple Yam in Brooklyn and wrote "Memories of Philippine Kitchens" (Stewart, Tabori and Chang), asked, "What do you value? What is important about our food?"

She answered her own question saying Filipino food was delicious because it was cooked with love, and served with hospitality. She cited the Filipino meal prepared by Enderun chefs for Ducasse that featured upland rice and vegetables from Ifugao.

She explained why Filipinos had a poor view of their own cuisine. The Philippines being an archipelago, the basis for cuisine was of fish and rice. During American colonial rule, the US denigrated the Filipino diet, saying it was deficient. The Americans taught Filipinos how to make cakes, cookies, doughnuts, etc.

Besa said a child would actually be better off with fish and rice rather than all the sugar-loaded foods.

She presented early 20th-century advertising that misrepresented the nutritional benefits of certain products. The malt candy Horlicks, for example, was supposed to promote good health.

Besa talked about the Filipino sensibility in eating.

"Food served in courses do not work for us," she said. The Filipino, she said, ate visually and that was why food was all laid out, sometimes including the dessert. ("So they know how much space to leave in their stomachs for dessert.")

As typical Asians, Filipinos shared their food, sometimes even from the same plate. Besa said this was the social aspect of eating that bound people together.

Teaching is priority

Ducasse, the main speaker, said his greatest priority was the transfer of knowledge which happened in his kitchens every day, apart from the schools.

He said he taught cooks to "work harder, work faster," and that the product was 60-70 percent due to the ingredients.

"The best chefs cannot make something good without the best ingredients," Ducasse said.

He taught students that to work together "we need respect, the ability to listen and to be open to the world." But Ducasse said learning was not one way as he also learned from the youth, especially their "impatience and energy."

Focusing on the theme, Ducasse said his fascination for nature came from a childhood spent in a farm. He remembered mornings when his grandmother sent him to pick vegetables.

"What we cook comes from nature," said Ducasse. "Before being put into a salad bowl the lettuce was alive and when we put it, it 'bleeds' white."

Respecting nature

Ducasse said he looked at what nature had to offer and cooked with respect, teaching his clients how to feed themselves better. Producers were taken to the market so they would recognize quality products.

The celebrated chef is also conscious of his responsibility toward the planet. Sustainability is important to him. He said he no longer used red tuna, an endangered species in the Mediterranean.

"How can we inspire ourselves with what is available locally?" he asked.

Ducasse summed up his philosophy: "The cook is but the interpreter of the generosity of nature."

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A day in the life of a campaign

'I read the news today, oh boy, about a lucky man who made the grade…'

There are eight men, actually, and one woman, who made the grade set by the Commission on Elections for presidential aspirants. Here, from our tireless reporters, are glimpses into what it has been like for the hopeful nine to be on the road or up in the air, to be overspending or running on empty; to heat up the action at a public market or cool down at a seaside grill; to have a wife, a daughter, a sister or a paid endorser by their side. All because, to paraphrase Lennon and McCartney, they'd very much like to turn you on.

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Edsa I euphoria all over again

March 1, Dumaguete

March 4, Cotabato City

NICK PERLAS



Mindanao caravan

DICK GORDON

Seizing teachable moments

Feb. 22, Pangasinan





Feb. 23, Bataan

EDDIE VILLANUEVA

Starting and ending the day with a prayer

March 5



RP bandwagon mentality: Going with the winner

COMMENTARY

IN THE PHILIPPINES, election bandwagons can persuade voters to go with the perceived sure winner.



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Going with the winner

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Right forecasts

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IN THE KNOW

Junior-senior prompts


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Teachable moments

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Hopeful forecast ...



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Do's and don'ts for voters

Voting: Step by step



7:00 a.m. – VOTING STARTS

If you're a voter here's what you do:

1. Check for your assigned location, number and sequence number at school or voting center before Election Day.
2. At precinct, give your name to BEI member. If you are registered, BEI chair checks your right forefinger for indelible ink. If there is none, sign your name on EDCVL. BEI chair authenticates your ballot by signing on designated space.



3. Get secrecy folder, ballot and marking pen from BEI chair.



4. Using the marking pen, fill in the ovals of your chosen candidates. [illegible]



5. Insert ballot into PCOS machine. [illegible]



6. If ballot is rejected, re-insert ballot into machine. [illegible]



7. Return secrecy folder and marking pen to BEI chair.



8. Allow BEI chair to apply indelible ink on your right forefinger.



9. [illegible]

ALL REGISTERED VOTERS WHOSE NAMES are on the Posted Computerized Voters List or Election Day Computerized Voters List, or whose registration records have not been cancelled or deactivated, may vote in the May 10 elections.

For all of you who intend to vote and are qualified, here is a checklist of what you can and cannot do when you go to exercise your right.

• Do • Do • Do • Do • Do • Do • Do

• Check out your assigned voting precinct location/school before May 10 to avoid the crowds and any delay.

• Be at your precinct early on Election Day. Voting starts at 7 a.m. and ends at 6 p.m. Only registered voters who are in front of the polling place, specifically within 30 meters, will be allowed by the poll clerk to vote after 6 p.m.

• Listen carefully because your name will only be called three times.

• Look for your name on the PCVL posted near the door of the voting center to find out your precinct and sequence numbers.

• Take note of your sequence number as it has to be given to a BEI member in the precinct.

• Bring authentic documents that can establish your identity should it be challenged. A barangay or community tax certificate is not acceptable.

• Listen carefully to the BEI chair's instructions on how to fill out the ballot.

• Make sure the BEI chair affixes his/her signature on the EDCVL after verifying that your fingernail is not stained with indelible ink.

• Check that he/she authenticates your ballot by affixing his/her signature in the designated space on the ballot.

• Make sure the BEI chair inserts the ballot in the secrecy folder with the front covered, except for the portion with his/her signature, before it is given to you. Only the BEI chair can issue ballots and you can only get one ballot.

• Check that the ballot is clean and with out marks before accepting it.

• Mark the ballot only with the pen provided by the Commission on Elections.

• Fully shade the ovals beside the names of your candidates. Erasures and stray marks may cause the PCOS to reject the ballot.

• If the ballot is rejected by the PCOS during scanning, you may reinsert it. However, if the ballot gets rejected after three more tries, you should return it to the BEI chair.

• If the ballot is rejected, make sure the BEI chair marks the back of the ballot "rejected" and members of the board sign it before it is put in the envelope for rejected ballots. No replacement ballot will be issued.

• Put your objections, if any, in writing, regarding rejection of your ballot. The board will attach your objections to the minutes.

• Put your thumb mark on the EDCVL before leaving the polling place.

• Don't • Don't • Don't • Don't

• Don't speak to anyone in the polling precinct except members of the BEI.

• Don't bring the ballot, secrecy folder or marking pen outside the polling place.

• Don't fill in your ballot without using the secrecy folder.

• Don't fill in your ballot when there is another person in the booth, unless you are illiterate or disabled.

• Don't create any printing on the ballot or put any distinguishing mark.

• Don't use carbon paper or other means to copy the content of your ballot (this includes digital cameras, cellular phones with camera and similar gadgets).

• Don't tear or deface the ballot.

• Don't disrupt the normal operation of the PCOS.

• Don't carry any firearms or deadly weapons into the polling place. —*Inquirer Research*

HOW TO MARK THE BALLOT...



Do (Tama)

Don't (Hindi ito)

Don't (Hindi ito)

Don't (Hindi ito)

Paano bumoto



7:00 n.u. – UMPISA NG BOTOHAN

Kung botante ka, heto ang mga dapat mong gawin:

1. Hanapin ang iyong presinto, numero at sequence number sa paaralan o lugar ng botohan bago ang May 10.
2. Sa presinto, ibigay ang pangalan sa BEI member. [illegible]



3. Kunin sa BEI chair ang [illegible] balota at marking pen.



4. Gamit ang marking pen, [illegible]



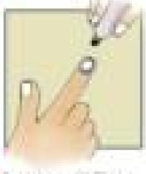
5. Ipasok ang balota sa PCOS machine. [illegible]



6. Kung hindi tinanggap, [illegible]



7. Ibalik ang secrecy folder at marking pen sa BEI chair.



8. Payagang lagyan ng indelible ink ng BEI chair ang iyong kanang hintuturo.



9. [illegible]

6:00 n.g. – TAPOS NA ANG BOTOHAN

Hopeful forecast: Automated election in May will succeed

By Gabriel Cardinoza
Dagupan City

PANGASINAN ELECTION SUpervisor Reddy Balarbar is optimistic that the country's first automated election on May 10 will be a success, despite mounting apprehensions that the Commission on Elections and voters may not be ready.

Balarbar, like other election officers, has been preparing hard for the automated polls since last year, attending training seminars on the use and operation of the precinct count optical scanner (PCOS).

He and other election officers have been taught how to deal with situations that may arise on Election Day. In return, he has organized forums in Pangasinan to show barangay officials, professionals, students and ordinary citizens how the PCOS works.

Balarbar has begun training members of the board of election inspectors (BEI), who will oversee voting at the precinct level. By March 27, he expects to have trained every BEI member who will man Pangasinan's 2,534 clustered precincts.

Can anything go wrong?

"Maybe if all PCOS machines fail simultaneously and we can't replace them. Or, when there are acts of terrorism," Balarbar says.

Early detection

Balarbar thinks failure of a PCOS machine will be averted when the BEIs conduct testing and sealing three days before Election Day.

He says, historically, elections in Pangasinan have always been peaceful, with no failure-of-election incidents reported.

"If something is wrong with any part of the machine, such as the LCD (liquid crystal display), power supply, printer, if it does not print or if the printout is unreadable, the whole machine will be replaced," Balarbar says.

As a contingency measure, he says Smartmatic-TIM Corp., supplier of the counting machines, will have replacements in every province. Every precinct will also have a PCOS technician.

But Dagupan councilor Michael Fernandez,



PANGASINAN election supervisor Reddy Balarbar demonstrates how the precinct count optical scanner works. —GABRIEL CARDINOZA

Philippine Councilors' League national chair, says the Comelec should have a massive information and education campaign.

Confusion

"Since this is the first time we are doing this, we can't avoid confusion (among) voters," Fernandez says.

He says, because of the new ballot format, it will take time for a voter to cast his/her vote.

The voters would have to study the ballot, he says.

But Balarbar says in automated elections, the flow is basically the same though, instead of writing down the names of candidates, voters will shade ovals opposite the names of their choices. Ballots will then be inserted into the PCOS.

Fernandez says the clustering of precincts may result in long queues of voters just looking for their names.

"Based on our experience in past elections, if voters cannot find their names at once, they tend to be impatient, especially when they are already hungry. Chances are they would just leave," he says.

Unruly watchers

Aside from a malfunctioning PCOS machine, another concern is unruly watchers in the precinct.

Balarbar says, "I told them (BEI members), you are in the Comelec and you should implement the rules. Try to talk to

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JAMBY MADRIGAL



'It's better to begin slow'

Feb. 10 Metro Manila

Feb. 12

JC DE LOS REYES

Going national from local

Feb. 18



MANNY VILLAR

Private jet is a definite plus

Feb. 20, Cebu

Feb. 21, Cebu and Davao



JOSEPH ESTRADA

A two-city swing on busted knees



March 3, Cebu

March 4, Cebu and Tagbilaran, Bohol

GILBERT TEODORO

Motorcade and birthday cake

March 2, Malabon



March 3, Bataan Park, Quezon City